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Committee Bill No. 5945

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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE, VIA INTERNET AUCTION, OF
LICENSE PLATES ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR
VEHICLES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015, and applicable to assessment*
2 *years commencing on and after said date*) (a) When the Department of
3 Motor Vehicles issues a number plate, the title to such number plate
4 shall vest in the person to whom such number plate was issued. Upon
5 issuance, each number plate shall have a value of one thousand dollars
6 and, notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-62a of the general
7 statutes, a tax in the amount of twelve dollars per thousand shall be
8 collected in accordance with the provisions of chapter 203 of the
9 general statutes, except as provided in subsection (c) of this section.
- 10 (b) (1) The department, in consultation with the Connecticut Lottery
11 Corporation, shall conduct a monthly lottery providing cash prizes to
12 participating number plate owners.
- 13 (2) A number plate owner who has participated for at least twelve
14 months in the lottery established pursuant to subdivision (1) of this

15 subsection, may sell such owner's number plate in an auction the
16 department shall establish on the department's Internet web site. Such
17 auction shall allow bidding by participating number plate owners on
18 any number plates included in the auction. For any number plate sold
19 at such auction, (A) sales tax on the sale price shall be paid by the
20 buyer, as provided in chapter 219 of the general statutes, and (B) the
21 sale price shall become the value of such number plate and property
22 tax shall be assessed and paid accordingly.

23 (3) A participating number plate owner who enters a winning bid in
24 the auction established pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection
25 shall (A) use the number plate acquired through such auction on a
26 vehicle registered in this state, and (B) pay all fees associated with
27 registration and issuance of such number plate.

28 (c) An owner of a number plate may opt out of the program
29 described in this section by executing a waiver in the form and manner
30 prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Execution of such
31 waiver shall (1) exempt such owner's number plate from property
32 taxation, and (2) bar such owner from participating in either the lottery
33 game or the auction established in subsection (b) of this section.

34 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 14-18 of the general statutes is
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
36 *October 1, 2015*):

37 (d) [All number plates shall be the property of the state and no title
38 therein shall pass to any person registering a motor vehicle under the
39 provisions of this chapter.] The owner of any registered motor vehicle
40 [which] that is not reregistered at the end of a registration period shall,
41 within ten days, return the number plates thereof to the commissioner.
42 Any person who sells a motor vehicle pursuant to section 14-150 or 49-
43 61 shall, within ten days of such sale, return to the commissioner any
44 number plates displayed on the vehicle or which come into such
45 person's possession in connection with such sale. When the
46 commissioner issues a new type of number plate for use by all persons

- 47 registering motor vehicles, the obsolete number plates shall become
48 the property of the registrant upon the expiration date.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015, and applicable to assessment years commencing on and after said date</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	14-18(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To permit a license plate holder to sell a plate through an Internet auction on the DMV web site and to create voluntary tax revenue for the state and its municipalities through the levy of property tax on each license plate and sales tax on the sale of such license plates.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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